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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

(*L. S.*) *To the inhabitants of the Town of Chester, qualified to vote in Town affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said town, on the eighth day of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.

2. To choose all necessary town officers and agents for the year ensuing.

3. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of schools; for the maintenance of the poor; for the laying out and repairing highways, and building and repairing bridges; for paying the town debts and defraying interest thereon; and for other necessary charges arising in said town.

4. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

5. To see if the town will vote to build a new school house in what was formerly district No. 6, in said Chester, and raise the necessary amount of money to build and furnish the same.

6. To see if the town will vote to exempt from taxation for a period of ten years, any shoe manufactory with a capital of not less than $10,000, that may be established in this town.

7. To see if the town will choose an agent or agents to confer with any shoe manufacturer in relation to establishing a business in this town and report at some future meeting.

8. To see if the town will vote to buy a new hearse and appropriate money for the same.

9. To see if the town will vote to buy a road machine and appropriate money for the same.

Given under our hands and seal, this day of February, A. D. 1887.

CHARLES CHASE,
GEORGE S. WEST,
OREN F. PAGE,
} Selectmen of Chester.

A true copy of Warrant. Attest:

CHARLES CHASE,
GEORGE S. WEST,
OREN F. PAGE,
} Selectmen of Chester.

TOWN OF CHESTER.

OFFICERS FOR YEAR 1886.

MODERATOR—Nathan S. Morse.

TOWN CLERK—Cyrus F. Marston.

REPRESENTATIVE—David T. Dale.

SELECTMEN—Charles Chase, George S. West, Oren F. Page.

OVERSEER OF THE POOR—Oren F. Page.

SCHOOL BOARD—Harriette A. Melvin, Cyrus F. Marston, Augustus P. Morse.

TREASURER—John W. Noyes.

COLLECTOR—Albert F. B. Edwards.

AUDITORS—John A. Hazelton, Cyrus F. Marston, George S. Webster.

SUPERVISORS—John A. Hazelton, Charles G. McDuffee, George D. Rand.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

State Tax, - -	$1,020 00	
County Tax, - - -	1,030 03	
Town Tax, - - -	1,500 00	
School Tax, required by law,	892 00	
Additional School Money, raised by tax, -	300 00	
Non-resident Highway Tax, -	147 78	
Taxes on Dogs, - -	86 00	
Per cent. added, - -	380 55	
		$5,356 36
Resident Highway Taxes of 1885 unpaid July 3d, 1886, committed to the Collector for collection, - -	41 25—	41 25
Total amount committed to the Collector for collection, - -		$5,397 61

AMOUNT OF SCHOOL MONEY.

School Tax required by law, -	$892 00	
Additional amount raised by tax. -	300 00	
Literary Fund, - -	132 37	
Balance on Dog Tax of 1884 and 1885, -	132 00	
		$1,456 37

The Selectmen and Overseer of the Poor charge themselves with orders drawn on the Treasurer for the following purposes:

SCHOOL MONEY.

To School Board, - - -	$1,456 37	
		$1,456 37

IMPROVEMENTS ON HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Asahel Weeks, repairing highway in district No. 15, - -	$2 50
Charles H. Greene, rails and spikes in district No. 2, - -	1 06
Seth D. Lane, railing culvert in district No. 12, - - -	5 75
Frederick Griffin, drilling stone in district No. 2, - - -	3 00
Charles Chase, railing bridge in district No. 2, - - -	3 92
Edward T. Morse, iron for bridge in district No. 2, - -	10 32
Oren F. Page, rails for bridge in district No. 2, - - -	7 75
Aaron F. Keyes, labor on bridge in district No. 2, - -	88 00
George S. West, labor on bridge in district No. 2, - -	7 00
Newton J. Emerson, labor on road in district No. 15, -	24 12

Oren F. Page, labor on bridge in district No. 2,	31 50
Charles Chase, labor on bridge in district No. 2,	10 50
Henry Cilley, labor on bridge in district No. 2,	1 50
George W. Southwick, labor on road in district No. 14,	1 50
George W. Chase paid for gravel in district No. 1,	8 59
Thomas McCannon, labor on bridge in district No. 2,	7 50
Warren M. Carr, labor on bridge in district No. 2,	7 50
John West, labor on bridge in district No. 2,	4 50
Mark Sanborn, for railing bridge in district No. 2,	2 25
John Underhill, labor and stone for bridge in district No. 2,	19 50
Benjamin F. Spofford, labor on bridge in district No. 2,	6 25
George Cammett, labor on culvert in district No. 13,	5 00
Daniel S. West, labor on road in district No. 16,	2 50
Herbert L. Chase, labor on bridge, in district No. 2,	10 50
George W. Chase, labor on bridge, in district No. 2,	10 50
Oren F. Page, labor on bridge in district No. 2,	19 00
John E. Kimball, plank for bridge, in district No. 17,	1 98
Oren F. Page, labor and stringers in district No. 5,	7 70

J. W. Lovering, plank for bridge in district No. 5,	17 60	
Dale Brothers, plank for bridge in district No. 3,	9 49	
Albert F. B. Edwards, plank for bridge in district No. 4,	1 20	
Joseph W. Chase, labor on bridge in district No. 2,	15 00	
Willis S. Merrill, labor on bridge in district No. 2,	9 00	
Benjamin Dearborn, labor on bridge in district No. 2,	4 50	
Ebenezer Marden, timber for bridge, in district No. 5,	3 50	
		$371 98

BREAKING ROADS.

Charles H. Greene, district No. 2,	$6 12	
John West, district No. 3,	75	
William P. W. Whittemore, district No. 1,	11 50	
Amos Sanborn, district No. 10,	81	
Henry A. Hall, district No. 7,	2 50	
George Cammett, district No. 13,	3 06	
Charles H. Edwards, district No. 14,	2 00	
Samuel G. Healey, district No. 5,	6 98	
James W. Towle, district No. 10,	7 15	
David S. Wilson, district No. 4,	3 50	
Thomas B. Batchelder, district No. 11,	4 93	
George W. Chase, district No. 1,	9 36	
Warren M. Carr, district No. 2,	16 70	
Johh N. Hunt, district No. 6,	1 25	
Oren F. Page, district No. 9,	2 25	
George Cammett, district No. 13,	8 60	
Asahel Weeks, 1885, district No. 15,	2 50	
Newton J. Emerson, district No. 15,	4 00	
		$93 96

PRINTING AND STATIONERY.

Charles Bartlett, town reports, -	$25 00	
Charles Bartlett, 600 tax bills, 1885, -	1 75	
Charles Bartlett, 25 warrants, -	75	
Temple & Farrington, Town Officer, -	2 25	
Temple & Farrington, order book, -	75	
Temple & Farrington, 18 surveyor's books,	1 58	
Temple & Farrington, collector's book, -	1 25	
Charles Chase, invoice book, -	2 80	
Albert F. B. Edwards, tax bills, 1886, -	1 15	
Cyrus F. Marston, Town Officer for Clerk's Office, - -	2 25	
		$39 53

NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY TAX WORKED.

George W. Southwick, district No. 14, -	$1 50	
Samuel G. Healey, district No. 5, -	6 18	
Amos Sanborn, district No. 10, -	22	
James W. Towle, district No. 10, -	29 24	
George W. Chase, district No. 1, -	11 23	
George Cammett, district No. 13, -	3 32	
Samuel G. Healey, district No. 5, -	3 00	
John E. Kimball, district No. 17, -	2 67	
George M. West, district No. 7, -	10 53	
James W. Towle, district No. 10, -	5 77	
Albert F. B. Edwards, - -	23 19	
James W. Towle, district No. 10, -	6 59	
Thomas B. Batchelder, district No. 11,	4 44	
Oren F. Page, district No. 9, -	3 63	
Newton J. Emerson, district No. 15, -	1 27	
		$112 78

LEGAL ADVICE.

A. O. Fuller, - -	$1 00	
		$1 00

TOWN HALL.

Head & Dowst, 1500 feet sheathing,	$33 00	
Herbert L. Chase, drawing sheathing,	3 25	
Head & Dowst, 624 feet sheathing,	13 73	
Herbert L. Chase, drawing sheathing,	2 00	
James Gerah, for labor on town hall,	8 76	
Charles G. McDuffee, use and repairs,	5 94	
Webster Bros., nails,	82	
Luther W. Hall, labor,	11 00	
J. D. Morse, setting glass,	62	
Charles G. McDuffee, use and repairs,	1 86	
		$80 98

SUPERVISORS SERVICES FOR TWO YEARS.

Henry H. Lane,	8 00	
Robert H. Haselton,	8 00	
Jason Spofford,	8 00	
		$24 00

PUBLIC WATERING TROUGHS.

Warren M. Carr, repairs on well in district No. 2,	22 62	
Ebenezer Marder,	3 00	
Warren M. Carr, repairs on trough in district No. 2,	2 10	
		$27 72

RETURN OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

Arthur L. Emerson, 16 births,	4 00	
Arthur L. Emerson, 11 deaths,	2 75	
Mrs. Albert F. B. Edwards, 1 birth,	25	
G. H. French, 1 birth,	25	
True M. Gould, 1 death,	25	
G. H. French, 1 death,	25	
		$7 75

EXPENSES OF KIMBALL CASE.

Charles Chase, - -	$11 75	
Addison A. Bean, - -	1 00	
Cyrus F. Marston, - -	2 50	
Dwight M. Mitchell, - -	50	
Charles G. McDuffee, use of room, -	50	
Cyrus F. Marston, - -	5 50	
George S. West, - -	6 00	
Oren F. Page, - -	6 35	
		$34 10
Amount paid the town of Derry for their amount of school property in district No. 7, - - -	$45 36	
		$45 36

SHEEP KILLED BY DOGS,

George W. Clark, - -	7 00	
N. H. Weeks, - -	3 50	
Thomas McCannon, - -	7 00	
Dwight M. Mitchell, - -	6 00	
		$23 50

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

John N. Hunt, over taxed, -	4 50	
Charles H. Dennis, left town, -	1 18	
George Young, paid in Candia, -	1 18	
J. E. Merrill, left town, - -	2 18	
J. C. Haines, left town. - -	1 18	
F. J. Dooley, left town, - -	1 18	
M. D. Emerson, left town, -	8 27	
M. D. Emerson, highway tax of 1884, -	1 95	
Moses Webster, no dog. - -	1 00	
		$22 62

GUIDE POSTS.

Ebenezer Marden, 4 posts, -	2 00—	$2 00

COLLECTING TAXES.

Albert F. B. Edwards, balance on 1885 list,	$29 25	
Albert B. F. Edwards, collecting on 1886 list,	77 00	
		$106 25

DISCOUNT ON TAXES COLLECTED BEFORE AUG. 1.

Albert F. B. Edwards,	64 55	$64 55

CEMETERY.

Robert H. Hazelton,	4 00	
John W. Noyes, for posts, rails and labor,	4 10	
		$8 10

NONRESIDENT LAND SOLD FOR TAXES.

Albert F. B. Edwards, for cost on Edmund Adams land,	1 82	
Albert F. B. Edwards, taxes and cost Hannah K. Brown,	8 52	
Albert F. B. Edwards, taxes and cost Patrick Hickey,	4 08	
Albert F. B. Edwards, taxes and cost Nathan Gage,	49 48	
Albert F. B. Edwards, taxes and cost El bridge and Lauren S. Wason,	2 25	
		$66 15

RESIDENT LAND SOLD FOR HIGHWAY TAXES.

Albert F. B. Edwards, for taxes and cost of Sarah M. Healds,	4 65	
		$4 65

SOLDIERS MEMORIAL.

George W. Wilcomb,	50 00	
		$50 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mark Sanborn, for cleaning out well in district No. 1,	5 00	
Cyrus F. Marston, for preparing plan and specification for Town Hall,	3 30	
Arthur L. Emerson, for examining seven children for skin trouble,	3 50	
		$11 80

SERVICES OF SCHOOL BOARD.

Harriette A. Melvin,	40 00	
Cyrus F. Marston,	15 00	
Augustus P. Morse,	5 00	
		$60 00

TOWN CLERK'S SERVICES.

Cyrus F. Marston,	21 22—	$21 22

TOWN TREASURER.

John W. Noyes,	25 00—	$25 00

OVERSEER OF THE POOR, SERVICES AND EXPENSES.

Oren F. Page,	21 50—	$21 50

SELECTMEN'S SERVICES.

Charles Chase,	66 75	
George S. West,	59 00	
Oren F. Page,	52 25	
		$178 00

SELECTMEN'S EXPENSES.

Charles Chase,	13 55	
George S. West,	14 00	
Oren F. Page,	15 00	
		$42 55

AUDITOR'S SERVICES.

John A. Hazelton, - -	2 00	
Cyrus F. Marston, - -	2 00	
George S. Webster, - -	2 00	
		$6 00

AUDITOR'S AND SELECTMEN'S EXPENSES.

O. G. Sanborn, - -	4 50	
		$4 50
		$3,013 92

REPORT OF OREN F. PAGE, OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

Mrs. Hattie Knippee, for boarding Edmund K. Morse from Feb. 12th 1886, to Feb. 18th, 1887, -	110 50	
Arthur L. Emerson, medical attendance,	6 60	
		$117 10
Frank P. Brown, goods furnished Hannah L. Currier from Feb. 14th 1886, to Feb. 12th 1887, - -	65 00	
		$65 00
Thompson Barnes, goods furnished Mrs. Addie True from Feb. 21st to March 16th 1886, - -	27 50	
G. H. French, medical attendance, -	30 00	
Susan B. Jones, nursing, - -	7 00	
M. S. Warren, - -	3 00	
Thompson Barnes, goods furnished Mrs. Addie True from March 16th to May 4th 1886, - -	10 50	
		$78 00
Rockingham County for board and clothing of Clarence Weymouth from Feb. 18 to April 9th, 1886, -	22 00	
		$22 00

Sarah Abbott for board of Mrs. Addie True's child from May 4th, 1886 to Feb. 15th 1887, - -	71 75	
G. H. French, medical attendance, -	5 75	
		$77 50
George W. Merrill, for house rent for Johnson family from Feb. 7th 1886, to February 7th 1887, - -	30 00	
Arthur L. Emerson, medical attendance,	11 00	
		$41 00
George S. West, for drawing wood and for milk furnished Griffin family, -	3 00	
Arthur L. Emerson, medical attendance,	2 25	
George W. Merrill, for wood, -	4 25	
		$9 50
Henry Mathewson, care of John Shey, Oct. 1885, - -	$20 00	
		$20 00
Oliver G. Sanborn, for transients, -	1 00	
		$1 00

COUNTY PAUPERS.

Frederick Griffin, board of Benjamin Griffin from Feb. 12, 1886 to July 31, 1886, - -	$24 00	
Webster Bros., clothing, - -	3 05	
		$27 05
Received of Rockingham County and paid the town treasurer. -	-	$27 05

CHESTER, N. H., Feb. 24, 1887.

We, the undersigned, have this day examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Overseer of the Poor and find the same correctly cast, with proper vouchers for the several charges.

JOHN A. HAZELTON,
CYRUS F. MARSTON,
GEORGE S. WEBSTER,
} Auditors.

NOTICE.

All taxes assessed in the Town of Chester, for the year 1886, not paid, on or before the first day of April next, will be advertised and collected as the law directs.

ALBERT F. B. EDWARDS.
Collector.

Chester, N. H., Feb. 24, 1887.

DEATHS IN CHESTER, 1886.

Date.			AGE. Yrs.	Mos.	Dys.	Cause.
Jan.	23.	Caroline M. Lane,	77	9	9	Heart disease.
Feb.	2.	Mary Smith,	63	8	1	Heart disease.
	9.	Abigail R. Elliott,	64	9		Consumption.
	17.	Almira Sanborn,	82	1	12	Heart disease.
	27.	Eliza R. Hall,	47	5	15	Menopause.
March	8.	Sarah D. Moore,	78			Old age.
	21.	Charles E. Wakefield,	35	2		Consumption.
	22.	Moses Hall,	93	10		Old age.
April	6.	George E. Smith,	28	11	11	Consumption.
	20.	Caroline L. Davis,	76	9		Pneumonia.
May	9.	Frederick A. Morse,	75	10	15	Heart disease.
	18.	Susan B. H. Emery,	75	3		Old age.
	30.	Ebenezer Sanborn,	74	1	23	Inflamation of bladder.
June	14.	Ezra L. Wright,	79			
July	8.	Abbie A. Morse,	26	10	17	Septicaemia.
	13.	Frederick Griffin,	74			Accidental.
	23.	Shubael Pease,	77	4		Old age.
Sept.	6.	Mary T. Pease,	76	11		Liver complaint.
	20.	Joseph T. Brown,	89	11		Old age.
Oct.	2.	Joel S. Woodard,		4	22	Dropsy on the brain.

Average age,	-	64
Number of marriages	-	8
Number of births,	-	21
Number of deaths,	-	20

DR. THE TOWN OF CHESTER IN ACCOUNT WITH

1886-7.	
To cash paid for printing and stationery	$39 53
" breaking roads	93 96
" non-resident taxes worked out	112 78
" improvements on roads and bridges	371 98
" state tax	1.020 00
" county tax	1,030 03
" cemetery expenses and improvements	8 10
" collecting taxes	106 25
To Cash allowed collector discount allowed on taxes paid before August 1	64 55
To Cash paid town treasurer, salary	25 00
" town clerk's salary	21 22
" Decoration Day expenses,	50 00
" overseer of poor, services and expenses	21 50
" for support of poor	458 15
" selectmen's services and expenses	220 55
" collector for abatement of taxes	22 62
" auditor's services	6 00
" expenses of auditor, selectmen, and treasurer	4 50
" for sheep killed by dogs	23 50
" for returns of births and deaths	7 75
" for repairs on town hall and warming same	80 98
" school board	1.456 37
" supervisors' services, 2 years	24 00
" expenses of public watering troughs	27 72
" expenses of Kimball suit	34 10
" town of Derry, school property in Dist. No. 7	45 36
" for guide posts,	2 00
" collector for non-resident lands sold for taxes	66 15
" collector for resident lands sold for taxes	4 65
" miscellaneous items	11 80
" services of school board	60 00
" on town debt, notes taken up	1,145 56
" for legal advice	1 00
Balance in the hands of the treasurer	1.145 70
	$7,813 36

JOHN W. NOYES, TOWN TREASURER, CR.

1886.				
March		By balance in the treasury February 24. 1886 .	$736	21
	10.	By cash of F. Griffin for use of town hall to 1887	26	00
	16.	" A. F. B Edwards on tax list of 1885	200	00
	16.	" J. C. Hazelton to redeem real estate sold for taxes . . .	2	84
April	5.	" A. Weeks to redeem real estate sold for taxes . . .	25	92
	5.	" Hannah Brown to redeem real estate sold for taxes . . .	8	62
	5.	" A. F. B. Edwards on tax list of 1885	300	00
	21.	" A. F. B. Edwards on tax list of 1885	200	00
May	6.	" A. F. B Edwards on tax list of 1885	100	00
June	8.	" N Gage, to redeem real estate sold for taxes . . .	50	22
	18.	" A. F. B. Edwards on tax list 1885 .	100	00
	18.	" P. Hickey to redeem real estate sold for taxes . . .	4	23
July	3.	" A. F. B. Edwards on tax list 1886 .	200	00
	9.	" selectmen for road tax collected in district No. 4 . . .		80
	17.	" A. F. B. Edwards on tax list of 1886	250	00
	30.	" A. F. B. Edwards on tax list of 1886	900	00
	31.	" A. F. B. Edwards on tax list of 1886	450	00
Aug.	9.	" A. F. B. Edwards on tax list of 1886	100	00
Sept.	11.	" A. F. B. Edwards on tax list of 1886	200	00
Oct.	2.	" A. F. B. Edwards on tax list of 1885	200	00
Nov.	19.	" A. F. B. Edwards on tax list of 1885	100	00
	19.	" A. F. B. Edwards on tax list of 1886	300	00
Dec.	4.	" A. F. B. Edwards on tax list of 1886	550	00
	11.	" A. F. B. Edwards on tax list of 1886	250	00
	21.	" A. F. B. Edwards on tax list of 1886	300	00
1887.				
Jan.	10.	" state treasurer, railroad tax .	85	78
	10.	" state treasurer, savings' bank tax .	1.186	98
	10.	" state treasurer literary fund .	130	56
	27.	" A. F. B. Edwards on tax list of 1886	350	00
Feb.	12.	" E. & L. S. Wason to redeem real estate sold for taxes . .	2	35
	12.	" J. Spofford to redeem real estate sold for taxes . . .	2	68
	12.	" A. F. B. Edwards on tax list of 1885	100	00
	12.	" A. F. B Edwards, interest collected on taxes of 1885 . .	25	51
	12.	" A. F. B. Edwards on tax list of 1886	100	00
	21.	" A. F. B. Edwards on tax list of 1886	247	61
	24.	" County for boarding Griffin .	27	05
			$7 813	36

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Indebtedness of the town.

Note to Jonathan Pressey, balance due,		1,071 02
Note to Joseph Webster, balance due,		928 10
Note to Daniel Sanborn, balance due,		1,425 64
Amount of notes outstanding interest cast on all the notes to March, 1887,		$3,424 76

ASSETS.

Cash in Treasurer's hands,	1,145 70	
Balance due on tax list of 1886,	1,200 00	
Claims on real estate sold for taxes and bought by selectmen for the town,	165 02	
		$2,510 72
Balance against the town March 1, 1887,		914 05
Amount of reduction the past year,		366 74

The item "Balance due from the United States" is dropped from the financial statement this year as there appears to be no probability of ever recovering any part of it.

JOHN W. NOYES,
Treasurer.

Chester, February 24th, 1887.

CHESTER, N. H., Feb. 24th, 1887.

This certifies that we have carefully examined the accounts of John W. Noyes, Town Treasurer, and find the same correctly cast and sustained by satisfactory vouchers and there remains in his hands at the close of the fiscal year, $1,145 70.

JOHN A. HAZELTON,
CYRUS F. MARSTON,
GEORGE S. WEBSTER,
} Auditors.

Report of the School Board

FOR THE YEAR 1886–7.

It was the wish of your School Board, by the union of some of the smaller schools, to secure for every pupil in town, not less than twenty weeks' tuition. An approximate success was attained.

Schools No. 1 and No. 4 were united. The attendance being double that of any other school in town, assistance was furnished for half the day. The time of schooling was 26 weeks and 2 days.

In the case of No. 5 and No. 9, 14 weeks were allowed in the nearest school house, with the opportunity of attending school in the adjoining district, if they chose to do so. They attended only in their own neighborhood.

One term of ten weeks was held in No. 10 school house, to which the members of the next district in Raymond were admitted. In return, the members of this school were entitled to a Fall term in Raymond. As some found it more convenient to attend school No. 5, the exchange was less equal than was at first intended, but all had the privilege of twenty weeks at school.

We think the appropriation for a high school was a judicious one, and if the experiment be tried, as we trust it may, a second year, we believe that the benefits will be still more apparent. Eighteen attended the fall term, and thirty-four in the winter, many of whom had already been at school in their own districts the rest of the year.

In reviewing the year, we find that about one hundred of those in actual attendance upon school during the past year have had their tuition materially lengthened, and we do not know of any who find themselves losers by the present arrangement, unless it should be that not attending the regular spring and fall terms they unexpectedly failed of admission to the High School in the winter.

We regret that, through any misunderstanding, a single case of dissatisfaction should have arisen. If there is any more truly impartial method of distributing the school funds than that adopted during the past year, it will be the aim of your committee to realize it; but we earnestly hope none will neglect any opportunity within reach.

The comparative length of terms for different schools during the years 1885 and 1886, may be seen from the statement for the two years, which is here appended, together with the whole number of pupils registered in different schools during the present year. This is a little higher, for the year than for a single term, as some are registered in two schools, according to the exchange before mentioned.

1885.				1886.		
	wks.	d.		wks.	d.	No of pupils registered.
No. 1.	28	4	(No. 1 and 4)	26	2	60
2.	21			20		21
3.	19			20		30
4.	13		(with No. 1)	26	2	
5.	16			14*		12
6.	14			20		16
7.	18			20		29
8.	15			20		14
9.	15			14*		13
10.	12			10 plus	12	17
			High School,	20		34
						246

Whole number registered, 246

Different pupils, 212.

* Further opportunity provided.

SCHOOL EXPENSES.

The trustees of the Academy voted to allow the use of that building for a High School this year, on condition that the School Board should be responsible for the necessary repairs.

EXPENSES OF THE HIGH SCHOOL.

Paid Mr. Charles M. Holmes for Fall term	$125 00
" " Winter term	125 00
for repairs	18 98
for wood	19 25
for supplies	1 75
	$289 98

FOR OTHER SCHOOLS.

No. 1 and 4 united.

Paid Miss Julia S. Moulton, summer	$70 00
Miss Jennie P. Hazelton, fall	90 00
" " winter	72 00
	$232 00

ASSISTANT TEACHERS.

Paid Miss Annie L. Dale, summer	$27 00
" " fall	30 00
Miss Anna L. Hazelton, winter	24 00
	$81 00

No. 2.

Paid Miss Ella E. Webster, summer	$66 00
" " fall,	82 50
	$148 50

No. 3.

Paid Miss Nellie J. Wilbur	$54 00
" "	66 00
	$120 00

	No. 5.	
Paid Miss Addie C. Underhill, fall		$49 00
	No. 6.	
Paid Nora B. Greene, summer		$45 00
" " fall		55 00
		$100 00
	No. 7.	
Paid Miss Jennie P. Hazelton, summer		$54 00
Miss Annie Bell, fall		66 00
		$120 00
	No. 8.	
Paid Miss Sarah P. Webster, summer		$51 60
" " fall		66 00
		$117 60
	No. 9.	
Paid Miss Eliza M. Crawford, summer		$36 00
" " fall		27 00
		$63 00
	No. 10.	
Paid Mrs. E. S. Hooke,		$45 00
Total paid teachers,		$1,076 10
Paid for repairs,		22 53
for wood,		28 75
for supplies,		7 40
		$1,134 78
Expenses of High School,		289 98
Total of all expenses,		$1,424 76

Total school money,	$1,456 37
expenses,	1,424 76
Balance,	$31 61
Received from school board of Derry,	2 25
Cash on hand,	$33 86

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

This list includes the names of all who have been present punctually every half day of a term. The figures 2 and 3 opposite the the name indicate such attendance for two or three terms.

No. 1.

Emma Burroughs,
Frank Fiske,
Belle Gillingham,
Fitz Gordon,
Lily Melvin,
Minnie Melvin, 2—1 day
Mamie Morse, 3
Nellie Morse, 2
Laura Morse,
Lillie B. West.
Georgie Edwards, 2—1 day
Minnie Forsaith, 2
Eldora Griffin,
Guy Lawrence,
Katie Melvin, 3—1-2 day
Julia Morse, 3
Gracie Morse, 2
Etta McDuffee,
Alonzo Roberts,

No. 2.

Samuel Bell,
Maud B. Wakefield.

No. 3.

Guy Anderson,
Sydney A. Hardy,
Jennie F. Parker, 2
Nettie Robie,
Lewis N. Carter,
Susie A. Marston,
Jennie M. Rand,
Nellie Whittemore.

No. 5.

Charles Cammett,
Susie Smith,
Mary L. Tarlton,
Emma F. Parker,
Rena Smith,
John Weeks.

No. 6.

Frank E. Andrews,
Herman E. Rollins, 2
Osmond Spofford,
Edward B. West,
Silvia West.
Charles G. Healey,
Alice G. Spofford, 2
Arthur N. West, 2
Dora V. West,

No. 7.

Ella R. Cram,
Leslie R. Crowell,
Willie W. Green, 2
Herman Follansbee,
Roy Morse, 2
Bertha Tenney, 2—1-2 days
Mabel E. Crowell,
Russell M. Everett.
Cora Follansbee,
Nettie Morse, 2
Alice L. Tenney,
Walter P. Tenney.

No. 8.

Nellie B. Batchelder,
Sarah L. Knowles, 2
Lilla M. Lane,
Etta A. Lovering,
Susie J. Wason, 2
Willie T. Batchelder,
Anna L. Lane,
Cora B. Lovering,
Harry S. True,
Willie B. Wason,

No. 9.

Duraxa W. Crawford,
Ella J. Sanborn.
Hensey W. Leavitt.

No. 10.

Frank A. Brown,
Ethel F. Cammett,
Sadie M. Lane,
Emma F. Parker,
Charles W. Cammett.
Raymond L. Everett.
Annie S. Lane,

No. 10.

Mary L. Tarlton,
Lizzie Tarlton.

(*Except one day.*)

Gertie Green, 1-2
Alice Knippe,
Jennie McDuffee,
Jimmie Edwards.
Cora M. Lane,
Ada Smith,

Alice Bell,
Nellie B. Hall,
Fred W. Lang,
Arthur Leighton,
Charles Rand,
Herbert O. Morse.

Mattie L. Coolidge,
Olive B. Lang,
Abbie C. Leighton,
Charles Anderson, 1-2
Eddie Emerson,

HINTS FOR FURTHER PROGRESS.

We must not be impatient with the criticism that the results of teaching are not always sufficiently practical. For, though we may not always look for practical returns from *all* the "treasures of knowledge," the object of *elementary* instruction is to enable a child to use all its faculties to the best advantage. "We learn to *do* by *doing*;" therefore the sooner a pupil is set to *do something* as a test of what he has learned the better.

Suppose that the *Arithmetic* class, studying in Compound Numbers, should some day be requested to give estimates of the school building or premises, and that measurements, afterwards made, should be compared with their guesses; would not such an experiment quicken their powers of observation? Or, give them the table for Linear Measure and help them to form from this, the tables for square and solid measure, and they will have something besides memory to depend upon, for their figures. Exercise the older pupils in writing orders, receipts for money, promissory notes with endorsements, and *their* recitations will not be in an "unknown tongue."

Let not the end and aim of the study of *Geography* be to secure fluent recitations in statistics of any or every land. He studies the United States to some purpose, who has such a vivid idea of its extent, its endless variety of climate and productions and its abounding resources, as shall make him eager to learn more. Recitations from maps, drawing them from the book and from memory, taking imaginary journeys, contributing facts and anecdotes not given in the text book—all these means have been used by wise teachers to inspire and instruct their classes.

When a child has acquired a good handwriting, its vision and range of occupation are greatly enlarged. Therefore put it in possession of this gift, as early as may be. Blackboard work, which is now happily gaining ground, is made a delightful and helpful exercise to the primer class, who learn to read written characters, readily, after they have acquired the printed ones, and along with this, to write, themselves. At this stage, children should be taught to form sentences, this they will do, in answer to questions, when a picture or an object is shown to them. Then they are ready to *write* a short sentence of their own. The teacher's ingenuity should lead them on by telling them short stories, or by giving them words to combine into sentences—to a larger exercise of this power.

Notice also, and help them to notice, in a kindly spirit, those mistakes in conversation which are of most frequent occurrence. In all these ways they may be learning "to speak and write the English language correctly," sometime before it will be necessary for them to take up, in *Grammar* the formal rules by which to judge their work.

And, let teachers who desire to take a high rank, guard themselves, carefully against certain slips in grammar, and in the pronunciation of words in common use.

Concerning the *use of the voice* in reading and recitation, it is difficult to speak with discrimination. Paradoxical as it may seem, children usually have to be *taught* how to speak in a sweet, clear and *natural* tone. Left to themselves, their voices in recitation are wont to be low and indistinct. If simply bidden to "speak louder," young voices are often strained, in the heroic attempt to make themselves heard, till the result is almost a shriek.

An exercise of two minutes a day, upon vowel sounds and certain difficult combinations, in a *low key*, (perhaps sometimes in a whisper) will train them in fullness of tone, and distinctness of articulation—two essentials to good utterance.

We may honestly commend the industry and fidelity of our teachers this year, while the skill, ardor and self-forgetfulness of

some, are worthy of the highest appreciation. Those who seek hints for further improvements, may find them in the general suggestions. Beyond this we prefer not to point out special deficiencies, which teachers themselves have already recognized, or which have been otherwise indicated to them.

The value of *experience* has been fully evident, but some young teachers give much promise for the future. Only let them press on in the search after the best methods of bringing their work to perfection, nor fancy that they have reached "high water mark" too early in their experience.

To those teachers who are always learners; who find an increasing and absorbing interest in their work, who consider that time well spent which is devoted to giving new meaning or fresh attraction to the simplest lessons; who, studying to know the deepest wants of every child, learn how to arouse a worthy ambition, and how to reach the heart and conscience; whose control of their pupils is such as to teach them the far higher lesson of *self*-control, and obedience to the great law of right, to these we extend our congratulations. They have set before themselves a great work, but they shall have joy in their work.

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